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FORTY-FOUR per cent. of all the rail-ways in the world are in this country. GREAT BRITAIN poured nearly 150,000 emigrants into the United States dur-ing the first seven months of the pres-

ONE HUNDRED children were sold in the Moroccc slave market recently by Sultan Muley Hassen, who has gone

It took sixty thousand cars to trans port the grapes of the United States to market this year. The vineyards o this country represent an investmen of \$155,000,000 and over.

The population of the "Cherokee Nation," which has just sold six million acres of land to the government, is about thirty thousand. The Cherokees ere a highly civilized tribe of Indians

HIRAM CHASE, a full-blooded Indian f the Omaha tribe, has been admitted o practice in the federal court at Oma almitted to the practice of law in

PATTI says that her diamonds have been greatly overestimated in value and that she has only a modest \$600, 00 stock to potter along with. She is to be sympathized with, as is any wom an who has nothing to wear.

MOLLE ELSIE ST. ONER has begun est of the Geographical society of Paris The journey is to last three years, and the traveler is to devote special attention to the lives and customs of women in the various countries which she visits.

Russia has been visited by eight national famines during the present century, in 1801, 1808, 1811, 1812, 1833, 1840, 1860 and 1891. In addition to these there have been several provinsive, as those which affect the whol

deprived of the position of teacher of gymnastics in the state normal school olely on the ground that she was not good looking. Nothing daunted, she went to Ohio and submitted her nose to a surgical operation, with the result that she is not only very pretty, but is soon to wed a wealthy manufacturer.

tates, says that the Dakota climate adds to one's stature. When ordered to that country he was over twenty-one ears old and had reached the then growth is supposed to stop, but during a residence there of over a year he grew three and one-haf-inches. Dakotans say the climate often has

ONE of the most singular looking reatures that ever walked the earth "swam the waters under the earth" s the world-famous man-faced crab of Its body is hardly an inch in length, yet the head is fitted with a face which is the perfect counterpart of that of a Chinese cooly; a veritable nissing link, with eyes, nose and mouth

CHARLES F. CRISP, speaker of the national house of representatives, is the thirty-second man to hold that aviable position in public life. There have been fifty-one congresses, but only thirty-one speakers. Henry Clay was elected speaker six times, and Blaine.

Colfax, Randall, Carlisle and Nathaniel office three times each. JANUARY 17 is the date of the on undred and fourteenth anniversary of Vermont's independence from Great Britain, and the Sons of Vermont in Chicago propose to celebrate the ocmagnificent manner. Ex-Minister Phelps and Senator Proctor

have been invited to speak, but even sweeter than their honeyed words will be a reproduction in maple sugar of Bennington monument. At the bannet everything will be served or

DANIEL WEBSTER was an acknowl edged leader in congress when he was 30 years of age; Gladstone was lord of the treasury at 24 and in parliament at 22: Palmerston was lord of the admirality at 23; Henry Clay, in spite of the constitution, was a United States senator at 29; Washington was a colonel in the army at 22; Napoleon mmanded the army of Italy at 25, of England at 24, and at 35 the great

HER majesty, the queen of England, is supposed to have the largest collection extant of photographic portraits of notabilities of her time, from the portraits of kings, queens, emperors gin in the early dawn of the art of making sun pictures—in the days of those daguerreotypes on metallic surfaces. which generally required you to hold them sideways before you could get a view of their rather pale and feeble history of the art, and are thoroughly representative of the progress of pho-

tography. To st's up the cost of running this great government it may be said that he legislative establishment, by which is meant congress and all appertaining thereto, costs \$3,500,000 a year. The executive establishment proper, which means the white house, costs \$145,000 year. The state department costs \$2,000,000, the treasury department \$143,000,000, the war department \$49,-900,000, the navy department \$28,000, 000, the interior department \$167,000, 000, department of agriculture \$3,500 000, the department of justice \$6,000,-000, and the post office department

\$2,000,000 in excess of its receipts. Our fighting vessels are rapidly sliding down into the water. A day or two ago the 1,000-ton twin screw gun-Kennebec river at Bath, Me. Its main battery will be eight four-inch rapid-fire steel rifles, and the secondary battery five rapid-fire guns, a Gatling gun and a Hotchkiss revolving cannon. It can steam fourteen knots an hour and its oper rig will enable it to spread 6,500 square feet of canvas. Though a small vessel and only intended for harbor and river patrol service it is a

taunch and strong craft and a wrothy ddition to the coming new navy. An old scout of the plains said to a reporter the other day: "I lost a brand new pair of boots with my legs in them at Wounded Knee." Bret Harte should come home and hunt up this rare old humorist. He is worth putting in a book.

An old scout of the plains said to a reporter for governor of Louisiana.

THE formation of a twelve-club league ended the baseball war. The twelve cities of the new combination are: Boston, New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis and Chicago. An old scout of the plains said to a

The News of the Week.

BY TELEGRAPH AND MAIL

FIFTY-SECOND CONGRESS. TUESDAY, Dec. 15. -Bills were roduced in the senate to purchase a site for a building for the supreme court of the United States; for a bronze statue of Christopher Columbus United States. A memorial was pre-sented from the Minnesota legislature of several wars, occurred at Salt Lake to make October 12, the anniversary of City. the discovery of America by Columbus, a day of national thanksgiving.

ening the world's fair on for president. Bills were introduced to Niagara falls. The following nominations for United States circuit judges were received from the president: William L Putnam, of Maine, for the first judicial circuit; Nathaniel ourth; William H. Taft, of Ohio, sixth: William A. Woods, of Indiana, seventh, In the house the speaker announced the committee on rules. Mr. Taylor (Tenn.) announced the death of his friend and colleague. Leonidas C. vention at Birmingham, Ala.

from the president. Senator Turpie spoke in favor of the election of United States senators by a direct vote. A MO of the people and Senator Stewart of the murder spoke in favor of free silver coinage. Branford, Fla. The standing committees were an-nounced and confirmed. Bills were introduced to amend the act of the last congress authorizing the sale of timber on lands reserved for the use of the to remove the limitation on arrears of killed, two seriously injured and a pensions. Adjourned to the 21st.

THE pension office paid out \$7,000,000 THE secretary of state announced the

and all the British West Indies islands and British Guiana.

The exchanges at the leading clearing houses in the United States during wounded John Duan, his brother. The the week ended on the 18th aggregated killing was the outcome of an ancient \$1,238,468,981, against \$1,213,070,872, the previous week. The increase as com-

pared with the corresponding week of THE business failures in the United States during the seven days ended on the 12th numbered 335, against 259 the previous week and 404 for the corre-

sponding week last year. THE EAST.

THE fast train on the New York Central railroad collided with a switch ea- brigandage and anarchy among the gine at Newburg, N. Y., killing the en-gineer and fireman of the express. The discovery of petroleum equal to

EFWARD M. FIELD was indicted in New York for grand larceny and was admitted to bail in the sum of \$25,000. Sons were drowned. EDMOND S. CONNOR died at his home in Rutherford, N. J., aged 82 years fire caused a loss of \$500,000. He was the oldest actor in America. pany against ex-President Hoey will been posted urging a general massacre be compromised by the return of about of the Christian missionaries.

\$500,000 to the company by Mr. Hoey. THIEVES entered the dwelling of W.

stitute of industry was formally dedicated. Anthony J. Drexel has given \$1,500,000 for the establishment of the

institution. Ar the Cameron colliery near Shamokin, Pa., a gas explosion fatally injured | brothers. two Italians and four Hungarians.

brated on the 17th at his home in New- | 000 from the government. horyport, Mass.

THE rumors of great distress caused
For a leaders of a gang that had been by famine in Mexico were denied by flooding Philadelphia with counterfeit money were arrested.

a tunnel near Catawissa, Pa.,

5150,030.

WEST AND SOUTH. In a rear-end collision on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad 10 miles

west of Ottumwa, Ia. . an engineer and fireman were killed and a conductor seriously injured. As express train on the Pittsburgh

& Fort Wayne road was thrown from the track by a broken rail near Lima, O., and three men were killed and twenty other persons were injured, Some fatally.

DENTON DUKE, L. G. Delone and

Joseph Duke were killed at East Barnard, Tex., as a result of a quarrel.

The resignation of Daniel E. Soper is secretary of state for Michigan was tendered and accepted by Gov. Winans.

Soper was charged with malfeasance and misfeasance in office, and did not deny the accusation. In a wreck on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, near Anderson, W. Va., two men were killed and seven in-

By a lamp explosion Mrs. Manuel Ford and her infant child, of Col-S. C., were burned to death, and Mr. Ford was probably fatally injured.

Is Cherokee county, Kan., George
Seidl, a Bohemian farmer, was arrested
for murdering his daughter, aged 18,

and his son, aged 22 Apoplexy caused the death of Col. J. J. Hathaway, governor of the national soldiers' home at Milwaukee, at the age of 60 years

The anti-lottery combine convention at Baton Rouge nominated Murphy J.

THE boiler in a sawmii. at Ridge-ville, Ind., exploded killing William Wise, William Collett and James

Clawson, and fatally injuring Isaac Nicholson and Oscar Jones.

DEFECTIVE ties wrecked a passenger train on the Southern Kansas railroad near Cherryvale, Kan., and twenty-six persons were injured, three fatally THE oldest woman in Maryland, Mrs. Rebecca Seth, died of the grip at her in Washington; to promote and en-courage the display of the fing of the THE death of Gen. Patrick Edward

prohibition committee decided to hold WEDNESDAY, Dec. 16.—In the senate the national convention in St. Louis or numerous petitions were presented June 29 next to nominate a candidate

On the charge of embezzling \$20,000 establish a branch mint at Council John L. Ferguson, bookkeeper in the Bluffs, Ia., and for a ship canal around National bank of Kansas City, Mo.,

Shipman, of Connecticut, second; tensive lumbermen and shipowners at George M. Dallas, of Pennsylvania, third; Nathan Goff, of West Virginia, NEAR Brier Creek, Tenn., the dead odies of William L. Spreggins and George Holliday, brothers-in-law, were SAMUEL GOMPERS was reelected pre

Houk, and the house then adjour red At Baton Ronge S. D. McEnery was nominated for governor of Louis THURSDAY, Dec. 17 .- In the senate by the regular democratic convention the nomination of Stephen B. Elkins Owise to a quarrel Wright Poland for secretary of war was received and his wife were murdered in their home at Buckhorne, La., by Jack

A MOB lynched two negroes suspected of the murder of young Parramore at Asail Thornburg celebrated his 99th

birthday anniversary. He was in good In an explosion at the Busk tunnel

number of others hurt. Entrops of the national prohibition party press met in Chicago and organ-ized a National Prohibition Press assoin pensions during the first fifteen days ciation, with James Lamont, of Rock-of this month. NEARLY the entire gang of silver

conclusion of a commercial reciprecity coin counterfeiters who had been op agreement between the United States crating in Texas for many months past were captured.

BEN DAVIS shot James Dunn dead at Roaring Springs, Ky., and fatally wounded John Dunn, his brother. The

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

A FERRYBOAT capsized in the Elbe at Hamburg, Germany, and ten persons were drowned.

In Behring sea 10,000 young seals were said to have starved to death on account of the killing of their dams. A STATE of siege was declared in many of the famine-stricken districts of Russia owing to the prevalence of

Many of the passengers were hurt, but the product of Pennsylvania wells was made near Sheerkstown, Ont. By the wrecking of the steamer

Ar Montevideo, Chili, an incendiary He was the oldest actor in America.

The case of the Adams Express ComShan-Si, West thina, placards have

THE report of Gen. Booth, of the Salvation Army, shows that during the H. Rhodes at Alteona, I'a. and after first twelve months of his work for the chloroforming the family took \$1,000 in redemption of the masses in London be gave 2,500,000 meals and 347,209 nights' ash and many valuables

In Philadelphia the new Drexel in lodgings to the homeless. The expenses old, while attempting to jump from a ferryboat at St. Louis, missed his foot-

A SHOEMAKER at Namur, Belgium, was sentenced to death for trying to poison his brother. It was proved that he had killed his sister and three other

OTEISA, late secretary of the treasury THE 84th birthday of John Greenleaf
Whittier, the Quaker poet, was celeyears' imprisonment for stealing \$100,-THE rumors of great distress caused

Fisher and Fireman Smith were killed.

This Drexel institute in Philadelphia has been presented by George W. Childs

Provided in tunner of the minutes was dispensed with, and Senator Peffer, of Kansas, feelingly annunced the death of his colleague, and the minutes was dispensed with and Senator Peffer. with almost his entire collection of rare Preston B. Plumb, and presented the prints, manuscripts, autographs, etc., customary resolutions, which were adopted. Senators Peffer, Dolph, Ran-FLAMES in the wholesale millinery bonse of Porter, Donaldson & Co., in Pittsburgh, Pa., entailed a loss of of the senate to accompany the

remains of the deceased It was claimed that New York to- to Kansas. A recess was taken until bacco importers had swindled the gov-ernment out of over \$2,000,000 in duties official services over the remains of Senator Plumb were conducted by the chap A MAXIAC named Michael Harvey lain in the presence of the president shot and killed John Connerton and and representatives of the cabinet, wounded two other persons in Brooklyn, N. Y., and then took his own life. other distinguished personages, at the conclusion of which the senate dispersed, but was subsequently formally djourned for the day The house

was not in session. THE Mexican government has amended the tariff tolls so as to make the tariff duty on rag paper, except colored wrapping paper, fifty cents per 100 kilograms in weight; unsized paper, except for cigarette wrappers, fifty cents 100 kilograms in weight, and colored wrapping paper, of native manufacture and unsized paper for cigar ette wrappers of native manufacture

free of all duty. MR. LE FABRE, one of the Canadian fisheries commissioners, in an interview published in L'Reclair, of Paris. ted as saying that he is certain that Canada will secure a union with Newfoundland on the fisheries question, and that there is no doubt that the imperial government will exercise its authority to assure the triumph of

the federal principle. THE report of the chamber of commerce of Swansea, Wales, shows that the direct exports of tin plate to the United States from Swansea in 1880 amounted to 105,856 boxes. In 1890 the count was 2,458,418 boxes, and dur ing the three months ending June 30 of the present year it reached 1,057,323, or say at the rate af 4,000,000 boxes for

he present year.

The hotel owned by Thomas Roach, together with three dwelling houses at Sugar Notch, Pa., were burned, on the rning of the 21st; loss, \$10,000. The guests of the hotel escaped in their night clothes.

THE Catholic mission in Brussels has Chinese advices that a thousand native Christians were massacred during the recent disturbance in northern China.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS,

After Twenty Years. romantic story culminated in St Louis the other day when mother and child met in the union depot for the first time in twenty years. The story runs

Over twenty years ago Mrs. Mary Smith live in Chicago, a happy mother and contented wife. Among the archins who played about her was Laura, the youngest of her flock. By and by tribulation came, and the rain that always pours tribulation came, and the rain that always pours fell hard upon the little family. The wreath of happiness was broken, father and husband was buried and the remaining members drifted from pillar to post. Little Laura, then 8 years of age, was torn from her mother's arms by an aunt, a Mrs. Davis, and placed in an orphan asylum, the mother being kept ignorant of her child's whereabouts. Bereaved and heartcrushed she sought her in vain. Then the great Chicago fire occurred and the search was given up. Soon afterward Mrs. Smith married a Mr. Douthard and moved to Lafayette, Ind., thinking she would see her offspring no more. The child. Laua, had in the meantime been adopted by the Lippincott family at. Villa Ridge, Ill., who rearred her to womanhood and educated her. About ten years ago, when 18 years of age, she

About ten years ago, when 18 years of age, sh went to St. Louis and began the battle of life o went to St. Louis and began the battle of life on her own account. She met with many reverses, and often she made strenous efforts to find her loving parent, but with not the least success. About a year ago Miss Laura was married to S. A. Webb, of St. Louis. The search was abandoned until a few days ago, when letters were rent to a number of post offices making inquiry for Mrs. Mary Smith. A reply came from Lafayette, Ind., where the person wanted was found in Mrs. Mary Douthard.

The mother is now 63 years of age and the daughter 29. When they met in the dopot they did not know each other, and when a recognition was finally effected they found that they had stared into each other, and when a recognition was finally effected they found that they had stared into each other's faces several times during the search. Their meeting was one of intense affection and emotion. Mrs. Webb took her mother to her home.

Missouri Must Cede Juriadiction.

Missouri Must Cede Jurisdiction

Representative Byrns has endeavore o convince Assistant Secretary Grant of the war department that there was no necessity for a special session of the Missouri legislature to cede juris-diction to the United States govern ment in the matter of reconstructing leging that the government has all the jurisdiction required. Mr. Grant lis-tened attentively to Mr. Byrns' statement, but declared that the department would not recede from the position taken heretofore, and would under take no improvements until the Mis souri legislature had ceded full juris diction to the government, as previous

An Ingrate.

The Pettis county jali has furnished case of base ingratitude. William lichards, charged with horse stealing, was locked in the same cell with Charle Shelley Hughes, the bigamous evangel ist. Richards was ill-elad, and on the morning of his arraignment in court Hughes kindly divested himself of his shoes and trousers and arrayed Richinary hearing and was cleared, but instead of returning to thank his fellow prisoner for his kindness the ungrate ful wretch left town, and Hughes wa compeled to wear a blanket for two days until the sheriff came to his relief.

Death of "King Cullinane." James Cullinane, known as the King of Kerry Patch, died in St. Louis a few about by an attack of the grip.

(Mr. Culliname was born in Cork, Ireland, it 1845, came to the United States and settled in St Louis in 1953. He was possessed of good bust ness ability, as is evidenced by the fact tha

His Last Cry. An unknown man, about 50 years ing and fell into the river. From his actions he appeared to be an expert swimmer and bravely attempted to keep himself above the water until a rope could be thrown him. The under-towe was, however, too much for him, and just as a rope was thrown from th ferry the man was drawn underneath the huge boat. He disappeared with a wild scream which will never be for

W. E. Coleman, vice-president of the defunct Citizens' bank of Nevada, who is now principal of the public schools at Moberly, reported at Nevada in response to the indictment recently found against him. Bondsmen in abundance at once tendered their assistance, and his bond of \$2,500 for his appearance

wassoon filed. The river congress at Kansas City passed resolutions asking congress to appropriate \$7,000,000 a year for the im-provement of the Mississippi river and 85,000,000 a year for the improvement of

John Demonbrun Acquitted. The trial of John Demonbrun for th arder of James W. Brockman nea Springfield several months ago ter inated in the jury returning a verdict of not guilty.

James P. Hesser, secretary of the Future Great, Keystone and Standard onilding and loan associations in St. Louis, is \$9,000 short in his accounts. Were Not Parted in Death. Judge John H. Murphy, aged 84 rears, died at Springfield a few days

ago. His wife, aged 71, died only a few A chair made from timber of the Grant cabin on the Dent farm, a gift from the St. Louis Furniture board of

trade, has been given baby Cleveland Could Not Aid His Son. Edonard A. Droz, 17 years old, son of I. A. Droz, a St. Louis jeweler, was frowned in the Mississippi in sight of his father, who was unable to rescue.

A Doctor Kills Himself. Dr. Henry S. Douglass, house sur of the Kansas City hospital, killed him mittee was making an investigation. Death of Judge Cady. Police Judge Charles F. Cady died in

had an extensive acquaintance with the floating population of the country. Caves Discovered Near St. Louis. Several small caves have been dis sovered near St. Louis that bear evidence of occupation long before Mis souri was settled by the whites.

Coal in Pettis County. A deposit of coal of the very best quality has been discovered on the Bouldin farm, three and a half miles northwest of Sedalia.

PRESTON B. PLUMB.

Kansas' Senior Senator Succu

The Sudden Summons Believed to Hat Been the Result of Overwork—He Had Been a Senator for

ton B. Plumb, of Kansas, died suddenly of apoplexy shortly before noon yes-terday. His death occurred in the un pretentions three-story brick boarding ouse, 610 Fourteenth street, in this city, within a stone's throw of the Ebbitt house, Riggs house and Willard's hotel, in which convenient location he taken up his quarters during the ses sions of congress.

In a very short space of time the pressions of regret were universal, and ot confined to any political party. Vice-President Morton, accompa by Mrs. Cameron, wife of Senator Don Cameron, of Pennsylvania, was one of the earliest callers, and placed his services at the disposal of the friends of the dead senator. Mr. Peffer, Mr. in attendance several hours, answering in his power. During the afternoo every senator in town eithe called in person or sent messages of condolence, and some of the most earn-estly expressed of the latter came from senators on the democratic side, by all of whom the Kansas statesman was re-

geant-at-arms, of the senate, took charge be sent to the absent wife and children

Mr. Plumb had been ailing more or less ever since the close of his here lean labors in the last campaign in his state, which resulted so satisfactorily to himself and his party. He was at all times an indefatigable worker, but in this campaign he outdid himself. On his return to Washington he attempted to throw into his senatorial duties his accustomed ardor, but complained that he could not concentrate his faculties with his accustomed readiness. He felt dazed and uncertain, both mentally and physically. Preliminary symptoms of the disease which finally carried him off with such startling rapidity were not wanting. For week past, when he had occasion to write: etter personally, the lines wandere up and down the page in the most in regular manner, greatly differing from his usual precise bankers' chirography. nd difficulty even in sig with regularity those letters which hi secretary prepared for him. On the street he lost himself occasionally. Several days ago, just after the oper F. C. Manning, his frequent companion he stopped as Manning was about to leave him, and said: "Don't go, Manning; I want you to stay by me; I don't know exactly where I am.

He thought that the trouble might arise from some impairment of his vison, and after the adjournment of th enate on Thursday last went to Philalelphia, where his eldest son is under treatment for defective eyesight, t take advice in his own case. The emifrankly that unless he gave himself an mmediate rest, and exercised the great-est care, softening of the brain might est care softe result. With the warning ringing in his ears he returned to Washington with a determination that after the senate adjourned for the holidays would return to Philadelphi of Dr. Pepper for a prolonged course of treatment. He even men tioned to friends that he might return o Philadelphia to-day, without waitin the adjournment of the senate. He ame back by the 6 o'clock train and estaurant for dinner. He took his rear of the public dining room, alone Senator Plumb was a remarkably ab stemious man in his habits, and he did

not depart from his usual custom on this occasion. He partook of no wine er other stimulant Ex-Senator Mahone, of Virginia; Mr. Frank Hatton, of the Washingto Post; Senator Squire and his private secretary were at adjoining tables They all entered into conversation with Mr. Plumb, but in the midst of it the Kansas senator stopped and drew out a bottle of medicine, which he shook up and took a dose of, remark ing, with an apology for his doing so

From Chamberlain's he went home to is somewhat dismal rooms, and went o bed. About 2 o'clock in the morn ing he aroused his landlord, Mr. Jen ings, saying he felt very ill, and asked Wales, ex-surgeon general of the charge of the case until the end Hypodermic injections were administered, and about 7 o'clock in the morn ng the senator became uncon and continued in a state of coma with searcely any intermission until his death. Just before he dozed off he raised his hand to the back of his head

feeling intense pain, and exclaimed: "Oh, God, my head." Shortly after 11 a. m. be commenced to breathe stertoriously and Mr. Jen-nings, who was watching by his bedside with the senator's secretary, be came alarmed and sent for the doctor When Dr. Wales arrived the senator's face had turned purple, and it was ap parent that apoplexy had supervened. The surgeon called for stimulants, and Mr. Jennings ran across to a neighbor ing drug store and seized some spirits with which be immediately returned. "It is too late," said Surgeon Wales and almost immediately afterwards the

the time of his death, besides his phy-St. Louis, after a lingering illness. He chairman, and has acted as his private ecretary; his landlord and other at-

Born in Ohio, like so many other distinguished men, in 1837, he was 54 years of age. Before he became a lawyer and a banker, he worked at the

case as a practical printer. He moved to Kansas in 1855 and participated in meh of the early exciting histors of that state. Unlike most senators a previous apprenticeship in the lower house of congress, but came straight to the senate in 1877. He had previously,

closing his local career

his way up from a second lieuteni to the lieutenant-colonelship of the Eleventh Kansas infantry. The senator leaves two unmarried daughters, who are now living with their widowed mother at his late home in Emporia, Kas.; a son, 22 years of age, now under treatment for his eyesight in Philadelphia, and a boy of 12 and a girl of 14 at school in Pennsyl-

owever, served in many importa

positions in the Kansas legislature

A United Press reporter asked Senator Peffer what would be the probable course as to filling the vacancy created by Mr. Plumb's untimely death same legislature which had elected of the existing legislature had expired but that they of course held on ncir successors were elected and qualified. The new legislature would be hosen, he said, at the general election in November 1899 and would meet on he second Monday in January, 1893, to elect a successor to Senator Plumb. In the meantime he did not doubt that the governor of Kansas would fill the vacancy by appointment.

Within a short period—twenty-five

within a short period—twenty-five minutes—after death, it is said, the remains were embalmed by Un-dertaker Wright, and were laid out in the back parlor bed-room, in which the senator died, where they were viewed by many friends. The face presented a singularly placed and life-like

Senator Plumb's private secretary elegraphed the president of the Em-poria national bank of Kansas, in which Mr. Plumb was a director, and left to him the task of communicating the sad news to the family. Mrs. Plumb is quite an invalid. It is understood replies were received intrusting to the officers of the senate the funeral obsequies and Senator Manders Sergeant-at-Arms Valentine and Assistant C. B. Reade held a conferen at the residence of Vice-President Morton upon the details.
Senator Plumb had served fourteen

years in the senate, and two years ago was re-elected for a term which would have expired in 1895. He was one of st-known men in congress. His tall, athletic form, his swinging westing, and his rugged independence and riginality of thought and action, made him a notable man in the senate, and he was a power on all que to which he gave his mind. He was on omniverous reader and an untiring present congress has been in session he had submitted more than thirty bills of a more or less public character, embracconstituents from free silver coinage

The Arrangaments for the Funeral. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-Vice-President Morton, Senator Manderson and Secretary McCook of the senate, late last evening completed the arrange-rangements for the funeral of Senator Plumb. After the funeral service in the senate chamber, the body will see anyone. be taken to the Baltimore & Po tomae railroad depot, accompani by the congressional committee, the resident, the cabinet, the chief justice and justices of the supreme court, nembers of the house, m diplomatic corps, and the friends of the

late senator invited to the senate gallery. The body, accompanied by the congressional committee will be taken by the Pennsylvania & Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroads to Emporia, Kas. The car in which the remains will be conveyed will be attached to the "Columbian express which leaves Washington at 3:30 and will reach Emporia on the evening of the 23d, where the interment will take

place at 2 o'clock on the 24th. THE WAR CLOUD.

Active Preparations on the Pacific Count SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.-From information gained here last evening it ooks as though the reports sent out from Washington of preparations for war with Chili were true. Admiral Brown has secured an option on the new and powerful tug Fearless, just finished at the Union iron works. She has a speed of sixteen knots and can leared he was going to be laid up with carry coal enough to maintain ten knots the grip. He would not even yet admit per hour for fifty days. If purchased the grave brain trouble of which he with two five-inch guns and a secondfour torpedo tubes. She is swifter than

any Chilian torpedo eruiser and far re powerful. Admiral Brown also secured options on four of Spreckels' big steamers, the McDonald, mate of the Zealandia, Australia, Mariposa and schooner J. Hamilton Lewis, w Alameda, to be used for transport service. The Zealandia can be ready at McClaine and five of the schooner's ten hours' notice and all the others invessel Monterey can be made ready in three days after her armor plate is re-

ceived. Admiral Brown received orders yesterday and the cruiser San Francisco

will probably sail Wednesday. MINISTER LINCOLN.

His Law Partners Do Not Believe the Stories of His Intended Resignation. CHICAGO, Dec. 21.-Pierpont Isham of the law firm of Isham, Lincoln & Beale, had not heard of the reported de-termination of Robert T. Lincoln to resign as minister to England. He doubted the genuineness of any such report, as Mr. Lincoln had not communicated with them in any way re-garding such a course, and he was sure the firm would know of it if it

"We would have to more a There were around his bed-side at little if Mr. Lincoln returned, and we would be likely to know of any such sician, Surgeon-General Wales, Mr. B. intention in time to get his office in F. Flenniken, who for many years has readiness. Stories about his resignaseen clerk of the committee on public tion are started every few months. lands, of which Senator Plumb was For my part I put no credence in the

Mr. Beale, one of Minister Lincoln's law partners, said that he did not be-No later than Thursday last Senator lieve the report of the intended resignation. He had received a letter from Plumb introduced a carefully prepared nation. He had received a letter from bill to amend the practices in the court Mr. Lincoln a few days ago, and no in-

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. Chilinn affairs was "Japped" speaker. During the war he fought

> chief of the bureau of might throw some light on the subje hands of Secretary Blaim, and i knew anything about it which diplomatically would not admit he

not at liberty to say so.

Gen. J. W. Foster, who is a Secretary Blaine in the matter procity treaties, said the matter diplomatic situation him as he was in the private; who sent out the alleged translation of

the alleged cablegram.

Private Secretary Halford did not believe the situation was critical, but had
not heard the president express himself on the subject, and was quite certain the president would say nothing about it, if there was any truth in the assing of United States war vessels

Why is it done? It is not customary. There are no exceptionally accessible ports on the south Pacific in which to coal or take on provisions. Usually one United States naval vessel in Chilprotect American interests. Now there are the Yorktown at Valparaiso, the Boston within four days' sail of Valparaiso, the Chicago, Atlanta and Bennington nearing Montevideo and within two weeks' sail of Chill; the to sail for Chili: the San Francisco, un coast; the Thetis off the Mexican coast and still heading south, and the Ranger and Adams, the repairs on which have been rushed, nearly ready to put to ses, from the Mare Island (Cal.) navy yard. Diplomats and naval officers he asking what all this means.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.-The possibil ity of some important communication on the Chilian question being addressed to congress either to-day or to-morrow, when both houses, according to prothe purpose of adjourning for the Christmas recess, is a subject of earnest speculation. It is known that Secretary Blaine, both before and subsequent to the Plumb obsequies, was closely engaged with his own stenogra-pher at his residence, and even to visitors calling on official business sent word that he was too much engaged to

THE FAMINE IN RUSSIA Its Existance Admitted by the Imperia Russian Legation at Washington.

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Uhdana, O., Dec. 22.—John H.

James, of this city, wrote to the Russian charge d'affaires, in Washington, to know if the people of Russia were really nearly starving, as reported in the press. He received the following reply and will at once start subscriptions for aid to the famine sufferers.

Infrantal Russia Lusarion.

John H. James, Uhanan, O.—Sir. I have been prevented by pressure of work to express sooner my gratitude for the very welcome and generous suggestions contained in your letter of November 12. It is unfortunately too true that the population of twelve provinces—governments—in Russia, representing a great deal over \$10,000,000 of people, is actually starving. I have not been instructed to open subscriptions, nor appeal to the help of the citizens of your great and noble country; but you may be sure that every cent the help of the citizens of your great and none country; but you may be sure that every cent subscribed by you and your friends for the re-lief our sufferers will help, and will bring operlasting gratitude from my countrymen. I am quite ready and willing to see that such aid is properly directed and delivered to Bussia.

Believe me, very truly yours, A. Gamson, Charge D'Affaires of Russia SMALL-POX ON BOARD.

Two Million Dollars' Worth of Silk in an Infected Steamer's Cargo. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21. — The Pacific mail steamship City of Peking arrived Sunday from the Orient with small pox on board, and has been placed in quarantine. There are two cases of the disease, both in steerage. One of these is James schooner J. Hamilton Lewis, which was crew were returning on the Peking, their schooner having been confiscated.

The Peking has on board \$2,000,000 worth of silks. A special meeting of the board of health will be held to consider the question of permitting passengers and silks to be landed. Hope to Resume Business

New York, Dec. 22.-S. V. White & Co., bankers and brokers, 86 Wall street, whose schedules, filed on Saturday, show liabilities uns ing to \$1,013,543 and actual assets of \$353,228, hope to resume business. Mr. White said to a United Press reporter yesterday morning: "I can not give the particulars upon which I base my hope, and I can not say it will be real-ized, but it would be to the best advan-tage of all my creditors that I should have an opportunity to recover from

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Owing to the infectious diseases which the steamship Polynesia brought here a few days ago, the officials at the barge office have determined to take more stringent measures to prevent the spread been given to the barge offic the immigrants land. It appears that the ceases of disease brought by the Polynesis were not the only ones that have been allowed to pass through

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